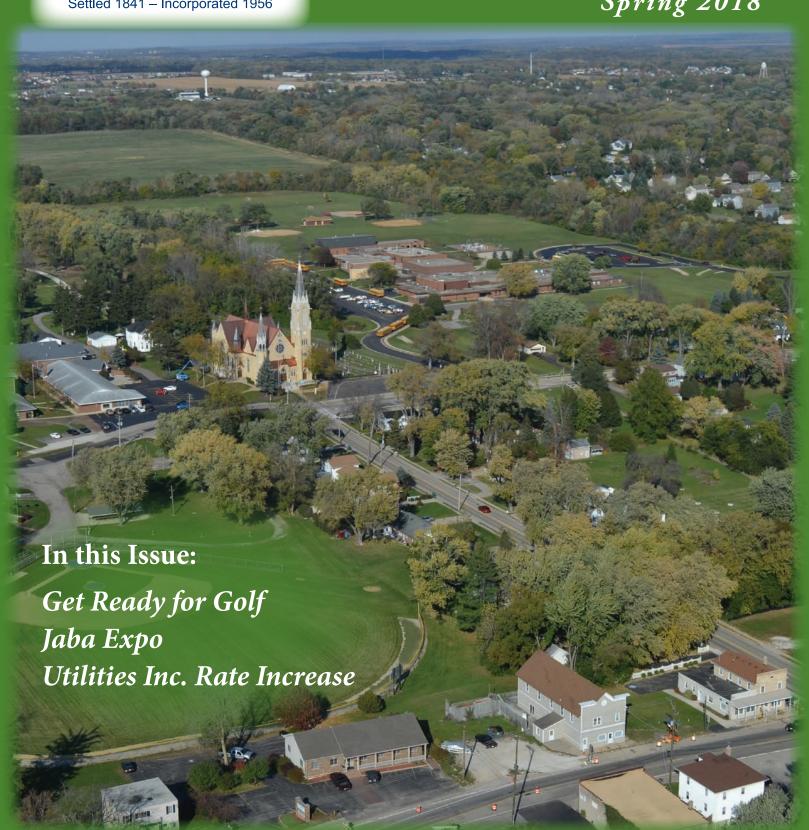
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# **MEETING SCHEDULE**

Committee of the Whole

Last Thursday of each month - 7:00 p.m.

**Community Affairs** 

2nd Tuesday of each month - 6:00 p.m.

**Development & Government Affairs** 

4th Wednesday of each month - 6:30 p.m.

**Economic Development** 

3rd Wednesday of each month - 7:00 p.m.

Finance

4th Monday of each month - 7:00 p.m.

Ordinance

2nd Monday of each month - 7:00 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Commission

2nd Tuesday of each month - 7:00 p.m.

**Public Works** 

4th Wednesday of each month - 7:30 p.m.

Village Board

1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month - 7:00 p.m.

Please call the Village Hall to confirm a meeting date and time. Meetings are rescheduled from time to time.

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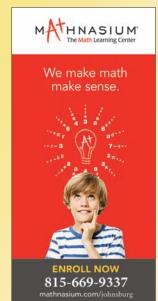


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# Village President's Letter

The Village Board, staff and I are enthusiastic about the coming year as we plan and prepare for some exciting projects that will greatly benefit our community. I look back fondly on 2017 as it was a great year for the Village of Johnsburg. We accomplished many goals and experienced unexpected opportunities that will greatly benefit our community.

We closed out the year with the annual Holiday Magic event which was better than ever before. I truly enjoy seeing our community come



Holiday Magic Volunteers

together to share in the joy of the holiday season. Experiencing the festive decorations and the children's squeals of delight when they first see Santa is something that will never get old for me. I extend many thanks to the Community Affairs Committee

for all their hard work. Additionally, I thank the Johnsburg Community Club for donating the use of their facility for this event. Also related to the holidays, I commend Denise and Gerry Karlen for the fantastic Christmas display at Langford Construction on Johnsburg Road.

Once again, the Johnsburg Police Department and Johnsburg Lions Club hosted a very successful Shop with a Cop event. For more than 15 years, this event has helped family's enjoy their holiday season a little more by helping children that are less fortunate in and around the community. This event, like so many others, would not be possible without monetary, time and talent donated by our generous citizens and organizations. Each year I feel our community grows stronger and our events get even better because of you. If you would like to donate to this event please mail a check to Johnsburg Police, reference Shop with a Cop and Johnsburg Police Chief Keith Von Allmen.

As I write this article, members of the Johnsburg Oldtimer's Club are busy preparing for their annual banquet held each year in January. I realize that I have not recognized this unique organization for their generous contributions to our community. The Oldtimer's Club organized in 1977 and has done much over the years to help the community. They have contributed to many sports organization in an effort to assist with field improvements. They also provide a \$4000 scholarship each year to a student in the community. The annual banquet is a fun filled evening with notable sports figures speaking at the event. I sincerely thank the Oldtimer's Club and all of their supporters for their generosity over the years.

In the coming months, many events will be taking place. JABA is hosting their 17th Annual Business and Crafts Expo on Saturday, March 17th, 2017 and the Village's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on held on Saturday March 31st. Look for more coming events in this issue.

Preparation for the opening of the Village of Johnsburg's Chapel Hill Golf Course is underway. Our public works team did an excellent job cleaning up the fence line along Chapel Hill Road and repairing sections of fence on the perimeter of the course. As I write this article, they are gearing up to cut down and remove dead trees which will



eliminate potential safety hazards and greatly improve the courses overall appearance. Village staff is working with the utility companies to arrange for disconnection and rerouting of utilities to the old club house which will be burned in cooperation with the McHenry Township Fire Protection District. We are truly grateful for their willingness to work with the Village on this project. The golf season will soon be upon us. I encourage you to come out and enjoy the course this spring -you will be pleasantly surprised with the changes. For more information regarding golf fees and season passes, go to chapehillgc.com or call 847-566-7373 during the winter season.

Village staff is busy coordinating the bidding of several projects that will take place when the weather permits in the spring. The residents of Running Brook Farms subdivision will be seeing the start of park improvements this year. These improvements will include a sidewalk extension, landscape improvements, benches, a half-court basketball court and playground equipment. A pavilion and additional playground equipment is planned with future funds. This project is being funded by development impact fees they paid at the time their homes were built. Another project moving forward this spring is the construction of a municipal parking lot. The lot will be located by the roundabout next to Dr. Frymark's office. The lot will help existing businesses in our downtown area with limited parking and encourage new business development in the area. More decorative street name signs will be installed this year and a cold storage facility will be constructed at our public works facility as well. These are just a few of the exciting new projects that will take place this year.

In closing, if you have any questions or Village concerns please contact the Village Hall. As always, I can also be reached through the Village Hall at 815-385-6023 or via email at ehettermann@johnsburg.org. If you feel your concerns are not being addressed, I want to hear from you. You are the customers of the services we provide. I can assure you that you will receive an answer. If I do not have it readily available, I will get back to you. Can I assure you that you will like the answer? Not always, but please give me an opportunity to try and assist you. Everyone's thoughts, opinions and comments, whether complimentary or complaint are important to me. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Village President.

Respectfully, Edwin Hettermann - Village President

# Get Ready for Golf!



With Spring just around the corner, the Village of Johnsburg's Chapel Hill Golf Course will soon be open for the season. Come out and enjoy a great golf experience and check out the improvements being made at the course. Village residents receive special discount pricing.

For more information go to www.chapelhillgc.com or contact GolfVisions at 847-566-7373.



# News from the Johnsburg Public Library

# **QUILT CLUB**

Mondays, 7 to 8:45PM
February 19th, March 19th & April 16th
Get together to share the love for this hobby and talk all
things quilting. They'll cover topics ranging from traditional
to modern, hand stitching to machine quilting, using
demos, online tutorials and workshops. Registration not
required.

### **ADULT BOOK CLUB**

4th Thursday of the month, 7PM February 22nd

Book selections are made based on suggestions and votes by club attendees. The next book is Saving Cee Cee Honeycutt by Beth Hoffman. Copies are available for checkout at the front desk. Registration not required.

# **DIY KNOT PILLOWS**

Thursday, March 1st, 6:30PM

The library will supply everything you'll need to create a comfy cozy knot pillow. Registration is required and begins February 12. Sign up online or call the library.

# LITERARY JEOPARDY (with prizes)

show! Registration not required.

Thursday, March 8th, 6:30 to 8:30PM Ages 13 to 18 Exercise your brain in our version of the popular game

# **COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT ON BANKING FOR KIDS**

Saturday, March 24th, 1 - 2PM (ages 6-11) Maximum of 20 kids. Kids will listen to a short lesson from a real life banker from the community then partake in banking games and activities to earn "cash" to spend on toys and candy items or they can choose to deposit it into the play bank.

### DARLA'S MOTHER'S DAY STAMPING

Saturday, April 28th, 10 – 11AM (ages 6 & 7 with an adult-ages 8-11 without)

Kids will make some special stamped items for Mom for Mother's Day. Shhh, it's a secret.

# **MOTHER AND CHILD PAINT & SIP**

Saturday, May 5th (ages 6 – 11 with Mom) @ 1:00-2:30ish Mother and child will each paint a canvas that when placed together will create one cohesive image.

Register for programs online at johnsburglibrary.org or by calling the library. A complete listing of events for children and adults can be found on the library's calendar of events page.

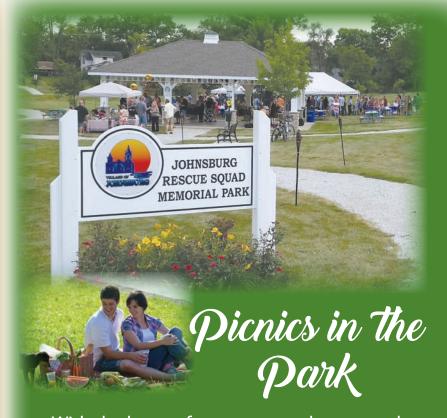


The Village welcomes all its residents to *GET INVOLVED* in their local government. *VOLUNTEERING* for a Village committee is the best place to begin serving. Here, you will have the opportunity to participate in making decisions that will steer the course of the Village as well as solve everyday problems. The *valuable knowledge and experience gained serving* on these committees provides an in-depth understanding of Village issues and will help answer your questions regarding Village operations. If you are interested in serving on a committee or want to learn more about how local government works in Johnsburg, please visit our website at www.johnsburg.org under "How Do I?" or contact the Village Hall at 815-385-6023.

# UTILITIES INC. Proposed Rate Increase

Utilities Inc. recently announced that they are pursuing a rate increase that will affect residents receiving water through the Utilities Inc. System. President Hettermann sent a letter to the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) advising them of Village concerns regarding the increase and the impact it will have on Johnsburg residents. The Village has requested a local public hearing to provide residents an opportunity to ask questions and share their concerns before a decision is made regarding the requested increase. Residents are oftentimes under the impression that the Village is able to intercede to prevent a rate increase from occurring. Unfortunately, that is not the case. The Illinois Commerce Commission is the governing body that will review the proposal and make a determination as to whether or not the rate increase is warranted. If you have concerns, contact the ICC at 800-524-0795 or email them at www.icc.illinois.gov/complaints. Additionally, contact your State and County representatives.

To stay informed on this and other Village matters, go to the Village's website at johnsburg.org and sign up for email alerts.



With the hope of warmer weather around the corner, it won't be long before families will be coming out to enjoy our parks. The Village provides shelters at Sunnyside Memorial, Hiller and Rescue Squad Memorial Parks which may be rented for private functions for a small fee.

Go to www.johnsburg.org for the park application and fee information



# Johnsburg 2018 Voting Location Changes

Some McHenry County voting locations are being changed in response to requests from schools and private entities who no longer participate during elections for safety reasons. Residents will receive notification and new voter cards by mail before the election stating their new voting location.

# Please note the changes for Johnsburg Precincts are:

McHenry 15 will vote with McHenry 4 at -- Johnsburg Community Club, 2315 W. Church St., Johnsburg McHenry 17 will vote with McHenry 16 at -- Johnsburg Village Hall, 1515 Channel Beach Ave., Johnsburg

# **Early Voting Locations**

Early voting begins March 5, 2018 for the March 20, 2018 primary election.

The early voting law, effective in Illinois, allows voters to cast a ballot at an early voting center through Monday, March 19th.

# EARLY VOTING WILL BE CONDUCTED AT: McHENRY TOWNSHIP OFFICES

3703 N. Richmond Rd. Johnsburg, IL 60051

Monday, March 5th through Friday, March 9th 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Monday, March 12th through Friday, March 16th 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Saturday, March 17th 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

For more information about early voting or voting locations, e-mail the McHenry County Clerk's office at mchenryelection@co.mchenry.il.us or call 815-334-4242.

# **Voting by Mail**

Voting by mail is an option for voters to cast their ballot prior to Election Day. Voters can request a vote by mail ballot through the mail or in person. The first day to file an application for a vote by mail ballot with the Election Authority is *December 20, 2017.* 

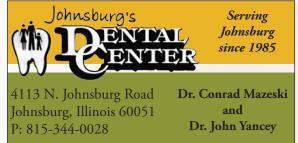
All requests by mail must be received by the Election Authority by March 15, 2018.

THE LAST DAY TO EARLY VOTE IS MARCH 19, 2018.

# DATES TO REMEMBER

March 20, 2018 — Primary Election November 6, 2018 — General Election









# TAXES ABATED ON DISTRICT-OWNED LAND

In December 2005, the Johnsburg School Board accomplished one of its main goals for the year by purchasing 119 acres of land north of the Junior High School. This land purchase has provided the District with maximum flexibility to meet any of its future needs.

While no building plans are in place at this time, this parcel of land is large enough and adaptable enough that it could be used for any building project that the District may face in the foreseeable future. Johnsburg School District 12 continues to work with the Villages of Johnsburg and Ringwood regarding potential growth. At the December 19, 2017 Board of Education meeting, the Board continued to meet their pledge of abating those taxes associated with the land purchase for the upcoming year. At the time the land was purchased, the Board intended that the cost of the land would be paid for by the new growth occurring in the District. Given the limited growth taking place within the District, there are not enough impact fees to support the land purchase. As a result, the Board shifts the financial burden for the cost of this land to the District's budget. For the 2017-2018 school year, the District absorbed \$321,800. The debt is scheduled to be paid in full in 2020.

# 2018-2019 Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten Orientation Night



The pre-kindergarten and kindergarten enrollment process will begin this year with an *Orientation Night on March 20, 2018 at Ringwood School Primary Center at 6:00 pm*. The topics that will be covered include: Program Explanation, Enrollment Process and Student Screenings. There will also be a building tour and Q&A time.

Since this is an informational night, you will not need to bring any verification or birth certificates. Packets of information will be distributed. If you have any questions, please call Ringwood School at 815-728-0459.





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# Boat Launch Stickers

Boat launch stickers are available at the Village Hall. Anyone wishing to use the Village's boat launch on Riverview Drive is required to purchase a sticker and display it on the vehicle used to launch the boat. The sticker cost for Village residents is \$10 and non-residents may purchase a sticker for \$50. (Sticker expires 12/31/2018)



# Voluntary Vehicle Sticker Renewal

Although the Village no longer requires the use of vehicle stickers, we do have them available for residents who wish to display one. Stickers are now available and can be purchased at the Village Hall for a cost of \$10. Display of this sticker also enables Village residents to utilize the Riverview Drive Boat Launch. (Sticker expires 12/31/2018)













WEDNESDAY: All You Can Eat Ribs \$15.00 Dine in only please



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# Annual Business & Craft Expo March 17th

Booth registration is currently being accepted for the 2018 Johnsburg Area Business Association Annual Business & Craft

Expo. This event will be held Saturday, March 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Johnsburg High School. Booth registration forms are available on the "News"

link at www.johnsburgjaba.com, at the Johnsburg Public Library and at the Village Hall. See the form for information regarding booth fees. There will be over 50 vendor booths, crafts for sale, door prizes, 50/50 raffle, art show and food concessions. Once again the JABA Business & Craft Expo will be teaming up with the Johnsburg High School Fine Arts Department to bring you Bowl O' Arts to give you two events in one. Get a handmade ceramic bowl, soup or chili, bread, dessert & beverage for \$10. For more information about the expo, please contact Richard Bierman, R.B. Custom Designs Inc. at (815) 759-9459.





# Easter Egg Hunt

The Village of Johnsburg, along with the Community Affairs Committee is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31st at Sunnyside Park from 11AM to Noon.

There will be 3 separate hunts broken down by age group. Come join your neighbors for some Hoppy Fun! Bring your own basket to collect your eggs and watch out for a Hoppy Visitor!





The Village of Johnsburg and the Community Affairs
Committee are hosting
Summer Movies in the Park

# Summer Movies in the Park Save the Dates

These events are scheduled for Saturday, June 23rd, Saturday, July 28th and Friday, August 17th at Hiller

Park. Mark your calendars for this family fun entertainment!

Watch our website, johnsburg.org, for more information.







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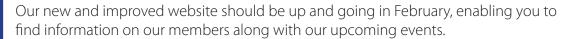
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JABA is looking forward to a successful 2018. Many new idea's and exciting plans are in the works. Of course we have our annual Expo coming up March 17th at Johnsburg High School. Please be sure to come out and enjoy this event.

Monthly meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at Stucky's Bar & Grille. Networking starts at 6:00 pm with complementary appetizers being served and the meeting begins at 6:30. This quarter we have speakers scheduled for each of the meetings. For our February meeting we have Joseph Shields from Social Media Expeditors, in March we have Glenn Smith from Peak Growth Partners and in April, Kristi Patterson from the Shah Center will discuss the services available to small business through the Illinois Small Business Development Center. In addition, the meetings allow members the opportunity to introduce themselves and their business along with sharing information about the products and services they provide. You may also find other business owners to work with to provide a larger range of services, products and options for your clients. Members will have an opportunity to add input on how JABA can better serve local area businesses and the community.





# If you have a business, no matter what size, come to our meetings and get to know other business owners in and around Johnsburg.

# Our upcoming meetings are February 7, March 7 & April 4

Please come and visit, we would love to meet you and learn about your business.

For information about membership visit the JABA website at johnsburgjaba.com or call JABA President, Lori Boyle at 815-814-4240.





# Johnsburg Community Club Super Raffle

The 26th Annual "Super" Raffle will be held on *Friday, April* **20th**. Tickets are \$100 each. Each raffle ticket will include one dinner and one hour of open premium bar before dinner. Additional dinner/bar only tickets will be available at \$20.00



The drawing, as in past years, will be double elimination Calcutta. 149 tickets will be sold. The 150th ticket will be raffled when only 3 containers are left. Cash prizes will be distributed as follows:



- First name eliminated will win \$125
- Every 10th name eliminated wins \$125
- 3rd to last name eliminated wins \$500
- 2nd to last name eliminated wins \$1000
- The last name left will win \$3500
- Non-Winners \*Last chance draw wins \$250 (must be present to win).

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# **Johnsburg Events 2018**

### MAR 1

LIONS Meat Raffle-Ticket sales for first raffle begin at 7:30PM at Raymond's Bowl

# MAR 2, 9, 23 & 30

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry @ St. John's School Hall

### **MAR 10**

Catholic Order of Foresters Court 96 & the Johnsburg Men's Club Corned Beef Dinner @ Johnsburg Community Club 4PM – 8:30PM

# **MAR 17**

JABA (Johnsburg Area Business Assoc.) 18th Annual Business & Craft Expo at Johnsburg High School 10AM – 2PM

### **MAR 31**

Village of Johnsburg/Community Affairs Committee Easter Egg Hunt @ Sunnyside Memorial Park from 11AM - Noon

### APR 5

LIONS Meat Raffle-Ticket sales for first raffle begin at 7:30PM at Raymond's Bowl

### APR 7

Johnsburg Pigtail League 3rd Annual Prime Rib Dinner Johnsburg Community Club 5:30PM

### **APR 20**

Johnsburg Community Club Supper Raffle

# **MAY 3**

LIONS Meat Raffle-Ticket sales for first raffle begin at 7:30PM at Raymond's Bowl

### **MAY 20**

50th Fair Diddley-Woodstock Square 10AM – 4PM

### **MAY 24 & 25**

Johnsburg VFW Post 11496 Poppy Days

### **MAY 28**

Johnsburg VFW Post 11496 Memorial Day Riverfront Opening Ceremony & Memorial Day Parade to JCC

If you would like your non-profit organization's events listed here, please contact the Village of Johnsburg
Phone: 815-385-6023; email: villagehall@johnsburg.org